

Supplemental Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the following paragraph that was proposed to be added at page 19, line 1 of the specification by the August 28, 2003 Amendment:

The configuration shown in Fig. 12A may be adopted. In this case, the compressor 120 is disposed below the platen 72. As indicated by arrows in the figure, air from the compressor 120 is blown toward the lower face of the self-propelled member 70 via opening formed in the platen 72 so that the air is caused to flow in every direction along the lower face of the self-propelled member 70. A thin air layer is accordingly formed between the self-propelled member 70 and the traveling face so that the self-propelled member 70 is supported by the air layer. In a case where a skirt member 84 is provided around a circumferential portion of the lower face of the self-propelled member 70, the formation of such an air layer can be facilitated.